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## **Bulgaria: "Plevneliev-Popova ticket, the European choice for Bulgaria" says EPP President Wilfried Martens**

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, received today in the EPP headquarters the Bulgarian presidential candidate and former Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, **Rosen Plevneliev**, and the vice-presidential candidate and Minister of Justice **Margarita Popova**. EPP member-party GERB has put forward Mr. Plevneliev and Mrs. Popova as their official candidates.

"I had the opportunity to discuss with Rosen Plevneliev and Margarita Popova the current political situation in Bulgaria and the current presidential campaign. We also reviewed the current stalemate on Schengen, which I hope we will overcome soon, and Bulgaria's impressive efforts on infrastructure projects," stated the EPP President.

"Mr. Plevneliev and Mrs. Popova presented to me their campaign programme, which is very thorough and comprehensive. I was very impressed by their in-depth knowledge of European Affairs and, in particular, their commitment to bring Bulgaria at the centre of European project," the EPP President underlined.

"I am convinced that the Plevneliev-Popova ticket is the right choice, the European choice, for Bulgaria," President Martens added.

### Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre right, which currently includes 74 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the European Commission, European Council, and European Parliament, 17 EU and 6 non-EU heads of state and government, 13 members of the European Commission and the largest Group in the European Parliament.

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